**HMS PTO Meeting Minutes**

**April 9, 2019**

Board members in attendance: Sarah Maxwell, Jennifer McNicolas, Peggy Hermann, Stacy Collins

***Opening of Meeting, Greetings & Introductions***

Meeting opened at 7:03. Meeting minutes from March 2019 meeting were approved.

**Treasurer’s Report**: Jennifer McNicholas

* Income this month - $1050 from 7 food trucks, $60 in dues (early renewals for next year)
* Expenses - $953 for teacher dinner before conferences, $625 for 100 tshirts to be sold at parent orientation and Back to School nights for $10 each (profit of $4 per shirt)

**President’s Report**: Sarah Maxwell – nothing to report

**Teacher’s Report:** Jon Smerecky

* HMS Jazz Ensemble competed in Strath Haven MS Jazz Festival on March 22nd. The band received a superior rating from all 3 judges. Trumpet section was named best trumpet section and Wesley Bozman and Charlie Chen received individual awards. Upcoming event is Jazz Ensemble at HHS on May 29th.
* Middle School/High School Art Show will be May 28-30th from 6pm to 8pm
* Reading Olympics teams did very well with two teams earning blue ribbons and one earning a red ribbon.
* Teacher lunch provided during conferences was much appreciated by the staff.

**Upcoming Events**

* HMS PTO Elections – One person has interested in board position. Sarah will be talking to them about what role they would like to fill.
* Career Awareness Day - Jeff Salvesen – May 31st 8am-11:30am. 33 volunteers so far (same number as last year) with 25 classrooms reserved. 21 presenters are returning from last year. Expenses for the event include gift cards for presenters, a breakfast tray and bottled water in library before event starts.
* 7th Grade Dance May 31st – The committee has reached out to Dan and will be sending out sign up genius soon.
* 8th Grade Dance June 7th – The committee has reached out to Dan via email. He will connect with committee and talk through their questions.
* Rising 6th Grade Orientation – Orientation for parents will be held on June 11th. The PTO will need parent volunteers to help that night.

**Old Business**

* Food Truck Event - Angela Mancini-Donadio has agreed to chair it again next year
* Teacher Appreciation Dinner – well received.
* Final SpiritWear Sale - Megan Salvesen – Received 31 orders and PTO will get $82 in profit. Next sale will be in September.

**New Business**

* IDC Report: At the last IDC meeting had all of guidance counselor come to meeting and talk about the guidance curriculum.
* School Board Report: Yasemin Celikkol/Kati Sullivan Lisansky – no report
* Administrative Assistant Day April 24th – The five building admins admins will be recognized.
* Staff Appreciation Week – We have some budget left for this year. Sarah will reach out to Yoonie and see if she has any ideas. One idea is to provide lunch on May 1st since it’s the end Math and LA PSSAs. Another option is National Teacher Appreciation day on May 7th. For next year, we will plan to provide meals at both conference times.

**Principal’s Report**: Dan Horan

* Several happenings at HMS this month - Autism Awareness month, 8th grade Latin awards, Science Olympiad state competition, spring sports, 6th grade musical practices are underway. There is a new tech booth and projector in the auditorium.
* PSSA – ELA on April 24 – 26, Math on April 29-30, Science (8th only) – May 2-3. Algebra Keystones for students in Math 8110 – May 22-23.
* Delco Track Invitational will be held at HMS on May 3rd from 11am – 5pm. Approx. 500 kids will participate.
* Looking for nominations from parents, staff and students for 8th grade award recipients. Information is on the 8th grade page of the HMS website.
* Looking at scheduling and staffing for next year. There will be two additional 6th grade positions and one additional PE teacher. Each grade will have four teams next year. They are open to parent input on scheduling and class levels.

**Questions/Comments**

* + Unity Day – Shirts for the event were already taken care of. HMS PTO will not have role at Unity Day. We will connect with parents at 6th grade orientation plus PTO meetings.
  + Security – New security officer started about 1.5 weeks ago. He helps with the Golf Road corner and also monitors 7th and 8th grade areas in the mornings. He has been very helpful and performs security functions previously done by administrators.
  + Parent teacher conferences – Some not great feedback from parents has been heard indicating parents didn’t feel they had enough contact with teachers. School collected feedback forms from parents. Feedback was mostly positive on forms, but Dan also noticed some issues that will be addressed going forward.
  + Container gardens – Sarah will contact Gina to see if she will be updating the planters for the spring.
  + May 17th – Final Box Top collection for the year. Box Tops is moving to all digital platform by end of calendar year. Will take physical box tops as long as they haven’t expired. Could have an impact on how much money comes in next year. Angela will reach out to next year’s coordinator to make sure she knows.

***Close of Meeting – 7:55pm***